

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A temporary protective coating is provided over a low-E coated glass substrate. The temporary protective coating is preferably applied in solid form (i.e., as opposed to liquid form) so that no significant curing is needed. Moreover, the temporary protective coating can be easily removed by simply peeling it off just prior to heat treatment. In certain example embodiments, the temporary protective coating is designed such that it is not water soluble so that it remains on and protects the low-E coated glass substrate during washing step(s) and thereafter during at least some post-wash handling.